

PRESIDENT CARRANZA KILLED, ASS ARE FUGITIVE COMPANIONS IN MEXICO

Follows Attack by Gen. Herrera at Tlaxcalantongo.

OBREGON MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT Former Mexican Ambassador Here Reported With Chief.

By the Associated Press. MEXICO CITY, May 21.—President Venustiano Carranza, who, with a small party of followers, has been a fugitive in the mountains of Puebla since late last week, was killed at Tlaxcalantongo early Thursday morning, according to official announcement here. His companions, the names of whom are unknown, also were killed.

Gen. Rodolfo Herrera, it is said, directed the attack that resulted in the death of the fugitive president and his followers. He belonged to forces commanded by Gen. Francisco de P. Mariel, who accompanied Carranza on his flight from this city, but who last week deserted Carranza and joined the revolutionists.

There is some uncertainty regarding the exact affiliation of Gen. Herrera. It is generally believed that he is a supporter of Carranza, but a small guard which was with the fleeing president. He was in rebellion against Carranza at Tlaxcalantongo, centering his operations in the state of Puebla. He surrendered last week, but Muriel went over to the command of government forces at that state.

When Gen. Muriel went over to the revolutionists last week, he took with him his troops, it is known, remained loyal to the president, and belief exists that Carranza might have been able to turn against Carranza at Tlaxcalantongo is a small village in the north of Puebla. It is approximately eighty-five miles from San Antonio, where Carranza left his forces and took refuge in the mountains.

The official announcement was given out at 10:30 o'clock today from the headquarters of Gen. Alvaro Obregon. Carranza was killed at Tlaxcalantongo, according to the Associated Press. Reports state that Gen. Juan Barragan, chief of the presidential guard, Ignacio Bonillas, former ambassador at Washington, and Mariano Gonzales and Gen. Federico Montes, who accompanied Carranza, are safe. No mention is made of the others in the party, which it is believed included Carranza's minister of the treasury, Alfonso Carranza, his brother, governor of Puebla, and Gen. Francisco Mariel, who was at Carranza's headquarters at Tlaxcalantongo.

It is believed that Carranza was taken to Beristain, the nearest railway point to Tlaxcalantongo, and that the bodies of those killed in the encounter in which Carranza lost his life.

In Flight With Carranza. HAVANA, May 21.—The Associated Press.—Luis Cabrera, minister of the treasury, said today that Carranza, former Mexican ambassador at Washington, and those killed in the encounter in which Carranza lost his life.

U. S. Is Without Official Word of Carranza Killing. The State Department has received no word from Charge d'Affaires Sumnerlin regarding the reported killing of President Carranza. No report on the death of Carranza has been received from the American embassy in Mexico City and the Associated Press has been unable to obtain any information before the government here.

If Carranza has been killed, the manner of his death may have been overlooked for element into the question of recognition of the new government in Mexico. Carranza had declined to recognize Huerta after the killing of Madero and Suarez, he outlined, and gave notice to all Latin American countries, a broad policy that the United States would recognize no governments against constitutional authorities.

Up to this point the Mexican revolution has been marked by a series of fighting, and the question of whether the revolutionary forces might be recognized has been left for later development.

Recognition of New Government. If it were to be shown that Carranza was killed in Mexico, the question of recognition of the new government probably would go back to President Wilson's original offer to support the new government.

The legal procedure for the establishment of a government in Mexico has not been completed. The death of Carranza, however, would constitute a constitutional crisis. The constitution of 1917 provides that in the event of the death or inability of the president to govern occurring after the first two years of his rule, congress shall name an interim president. No provision is made for direct succession. Such steps already have been taken in the calling of congress in special session on May 22, when a successor will be named.

Temporarily in Charge. Mexico City press advices received here today quote one Sanchez Azcoena, temporarily in charge of the Mexican foreign office, as saying that the revolutionary authorities are "giving careful consideration to the best manner of complying with foreign obligations."

SECRETARY BAKER HOLDS DRAFT DODGER'S COUNSEL RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURN OF FUGITIVE.

Holds Draft Dodger's Counsel Responsible for Return of Fugitive.

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, rich army dodger, who escaped from two army sergeants at Philadelphia yesterday, was permitted to leave Fort Jay on representation of his counsel that he had secreted a large sum of money in a place known only to himself. Secretary Baker said today in a formal statement.

Mr. Baker denied published reports that he had authorized the move of Bergdoll, and said his first knowledge that the prisoner had left Fort Jay was when Adm. Gen. Harriss notified his escape. The Secretary added that on receiving this report he "directed an immediate and thorough investigation."

Holds Counsel Responsible. A second statement issued at the War Department shortly after noon today indicated that the department would depend on Col. Samuel T. Ansell, former adjutant general, and Col. Edward A. Bailey, also a former army officer, as attorneys for Bergdoll, to return their client. This second statement said, in part:

"The regular award of \$50, authorized by law for the apprehension of an escaped military prisoner, is totally inadequate in a case of this nature."

At the offices of Ansell & Bailey, in the Riggs building, statements were issued over the signature of the two attorneys telling in detail the manner in which it was arranged with the War Department that Bergdoll go under military guard to recover the money he claimed to have hidden.

The statement said that the War Department had retained in the Bergdoll case about six weeks ago by D. C. Gibbons, a Philadelphia attorney representing Bergdoll, and it was at Mr. Gibbons's request that the application was made for the money.

"We know nothing of what happened in Philadelphia," the statement said. "The escape of Bergdoll was a matter of public knowledge, and it is not our business to discuss it."

The statement by Secretary Baker today said:

"The escape of Bergdoll was brought to my attention yesterday afternoon by Gen. Harriss, the adjutant general, shortly after it occurred. I had no knowledge of the escape at that time."

"This arrangement was authorized by the adjutant general, and the adjutant general is responsible for it. I am not responsible for it."

Gen. Ansell's Letter. The letter which Gen. Ansell wrote to the War Department regarding Bergdoll's escape was under date of May 11, and said that circumstances indicated that he had secreted a large sum of money in a place known only to himself. This letter said:

"We are requesting no privilege—only the necessary liberty of action, under guard. This prisoner has no desire to escape, nor could he if he wanted to. Notwithstanding the fact that he has been in prison since his capture, he is still a prisoner of war, and he is entitled to the same treatment as any other prisoner of war."

War Department Version. The version of the escape of Bergdoll given out by the War Department today indicated that the escape was made possible by an eleven-year-old plan, the War Department statement said.

"Mr. Edward A. Bailey, a law partner of Mr. Ansell, proceeded on Monday to Fort Jay, where he met Gen. Harriss, adjutant general, and arranged the details for the escape. The War Department statement said that Bergdoll should be sent by train, in charge of two sergeants of the disciplinary band, to Philadelphia, where he would be taken to his mother's home."

"Taken to Mother's Home. Bergdoll at North Philadelphia, where he was informed by Mr. Gibbons that the automobile secured for the trip required certain repairs, and at Mr. Gibbons's request Bergdoll was taken to the home of his mother in Philadelphia. The statement said that the automobile was not to be used, and that Bergdoll would not stop in Philadelphia longer than necessary to change from the train to an automobile."



THE FEDERAL TRAFFIC COP.

BANKS ADVISED TO CALL LOANS ON SUGAR DEALERS

Federal Reserve Board Takes Another Step to Bring Down Prices.

Supplementing the action of the Federal Reserve Board was Tuesday, the Federal Reserve Board has taken another step to bring down prices. Gov. Harding has intimated to federal reserve bank officials that they should carefully scrutinize the paper they hold as security for loans made to the sugar trade, to the end that more sugar may be made available for domestic consumption.

The inference said to have been contained in Mr. Harding's communication to the bank heads was that they should look for signs of speculation in the sugar market, and if they found any, they should bring them to the attention of the Federal Reserve Board.

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NEW LAWS NECESSARY TO USE IT AS SUCH, SAYS

Commissioner. New Legislation Would Have to Be Enacted by Congress to Permit the Use of the Revenue Derived from Automobiles for the Purpose of the Roads.

Commissioner Brownlow pointed out today.

The Commissioner said he had not studied the suggestion sufficiently to express his view of it at this time. The proposal will be placed formally before the city heads Monday morning, when the committee representing various organizations will be granted a hearing on the road situation.

Lieut. Col. Charles W. Kutz, Engineer Commissioner, does not believe Congress would consent to the use of automobile revenues for upkeep of the roads instead of making appropriations for the roads each year.

"Such an arrangement would be the same as a revolving fund," said the Engineer Commissioner, "and Congress has several times discouraged the suggestion of the Commissioners."

Lieut. Col. Kutz said the Commissioners suggested that the garbage disposal plant be operated on a revolving fund made up of the money derived from the sale of grease produced by the plant.

The Commissioner said Congress has indicated that it prefers to make appropriations for the roads each year, and that the revenue collected from such sources as garbage disposal and the sale of printers at Occoquan go into the Treasury.

Work on Benning Road. Maj. F. S. Benson, assistant engineer commissioner, said today that work on Benning road, from Pierce Mill road to the circle, Calvert street, from 15th and H streets to the end of the bridge, and from 15th street to the end of the bridge, will cost \$33,000.

At present there is an asphalt driveway in the center of the road, with a curb on either side. It is planned to take up the block and resurface the full width of the road with asphalt.

Several of the suburban roads are beginning to show improvement as the summer approaches. The work on Benning road is part of the effort to improve the city's infrastructure.

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NO AGREEMENT REACHED ON CONGRESS' RECESS

Some Leaders Say Decision of the Conference to Press Appropriation Bills and Conference Reports, Senator Kenyon Thinks It Would Be Premature to Announce Decision.

No agreement on plans for adjournment or recess of Congress over the political conventions was reached today at the conference of republican senators.

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THREATS TO HEAD OF ECONOMY

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